

**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR  
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PATENT APPLICATION  
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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**Variable-force balancing device in particular for movable-axis hinges of electric household appliances and the like.**

*(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

is attached hereto

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